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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Probate Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Probate Clerk and Ex-Officio Recorder of Eddy county, subject to the action of the democratic primaries.
Arthur R. O'Quinn.

A SKUNK SKINNED.

Talbot, he of the howl about high salaries high taxes and all other howls as good as admits he is a perjurer, tax dodger and all round dead beat, by holding in a whining way that his short comings should not be brought up as an argument to prove that we are paying twice as much for county officers services as we should. This is as good an argument as to call a man a booze fighter because he does not believe in prohibition. These allusions to Talbot were not made in anger derision or resentment, but in the same spirit that he exhibits when he calls this paper the weekly Guzzle Guzzle. Recollect that the Current did not commence this personal abuse campaign and is not responsible for the exhibitions of silly twaddle indulged in by the Artesia papers.

Talbot goes on further to say he is not paying any more to the present system of confiscation than he can help. In other words, by perjury he is dodging his just share of taxation and he further says the Current editor has never listed a piece of property at its face value in his life. Mullane says Talbot knows he lies and can prove by the schedules that Talbot has not listed his property for one-fifth of what Mullane has. Talbot lies when he says our property has not been frequently listed for its face value as the schedules will show, besides property is not supposed to be listed at face value, but at a fair and honest valuation such as honest men give in, but only a natural thief will endeavor to escape without rendering any more than he can help and this is what Talbot has proved himself to be and does not really deny it when cornered. These I holdier than thou people who are continually finding the beam in others eyes are the biggest sinners on earth and should be and will be punished if there is a hell to get them in.

Talbot says county officials are paid too much and that taxes are too high. He says that the county officials are paid six to eight thousand dollars per year. The Current will give Talbot the finest suit of clothes in Artesia if it cannot prove he is a liar a demagogue and mischief maker for no official of Eddy county will, by all the resources from his office be able to show he has received six thousand dollars in 1907. The assessor and treasurer the two best offices in the county have not both together made near \$8,000 for the past year while the sheriff took in about \$4,000 and each must pay a string of deputies out of this. Now Mr. Talbot and all your dupes or disciples of your ignorant shallow pated school you ought to know what you are talking about before you commence running on at the head in the way you have been doing

for some time. You probably know also that the last legislature passed a law to nearly cut the above salaries in half to take effect Jan. 1, 1909. If you do not the Current will refer you to the following: Chapter 45. An act to regulate the classification of counties and fixing the salaries of certain county officers: 37th Legislative assembly approved March 18 1907. As you will note by reading the law it takes effect Jan. 1, 1909 and on account of the territorial auditor placing Eddy County in the C class the assessor and treasurer will only receive 2 1-2 per cent after that date instead of four per cent as at present. The law would have gone into effect at once, but it has been held by the courts that it is unconstitutional to raise or lower salaries during the term for which an official is elected so the best the last legislature could do was to have the law take effect Jan. 1, 1909.

But suppose the offices could be conducted for \$2,000 per annum as Talbot howls for, how much would that reduce taxation? Can or will Talbot answer? He will not, because he knows it would not effect the average tax payer one cent in a dollar while if all would give in equal no one would feel the burden of taxation which bears so heavily at present on a few.

If Talbot's plan to pay the assessor and treasurer a salary was adopted it would increase taxation because men on a salary would naturally be engrossed with making themselves solid with the voters and having no incentive to assess or collect as under the present plan of percentage many would escape, consequently making it higher on the honest tax payer.

Now all this may be too plain, but in dealing with a man who uses only vituperation and abuse as argument it is necessary to be and state facts as well as show up the tactics of a person who never knew the first principle of newspaper ethics, but commenced a campaign of abuse because this paper does not believe that prohibition is right or the proper method to handle the liquor traffic.

If Talbot wants any more of this kind of a newspaper scrap he can have it out personally, for these columns are for use for other matters which are of more importance than skinning skunks like him.

POOR MAN'S COUNTRY.

One year ago about now, S. W. Gilbert sold eighty acres of land to a man near Roswell for one hundred dollars per acre. The purchaser had no money, so mortgaged the property for the full amount—thus operating entirely upon the other fellow's capital. He this week sold the land for \$210.00 per acre, making as much money clear as the original purchase price and \$800 besides. And this in twelve months time. It has been said this is a rich man's country and that a poor man has no chance, but in this instance we see a man come into the valley and make \$8800 with no capital to start on at all. It is an evident fact that the man who neglects to get a hold in the Pecos valley in these days when land is going for a song is simply overlooking the opportunity of a lifetime. —Artesia Advocate.

And the Advocate might have added that the taxes on this land were less than one-twentieth as much as land of the same value is taxed at in Illinois. But the howl about high taxes is still doing its work on strangers and others who do not know the real conditions or low renditions.

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He never finds himself who never denies himself.

You never will find faith by running away from facts.

They who pour out their hearts never empty them.

Ideals of character are the conscience of society.

A man may deceive himself, but he never fools destiny.

The highest religion is to do the lowliest things well.

Truth cannot be found while squinting at popular opinion.

Revenge is never so sweet as when we refuse to entertain it.

Our roughest experiences often arise from our smoothest tricks.

Some talk so hard about duty they have no strength left for deeds.

You cannot be a leader and lose sight of those who are to be led.

You cannot travel toward heaven if you turn your back on truth.

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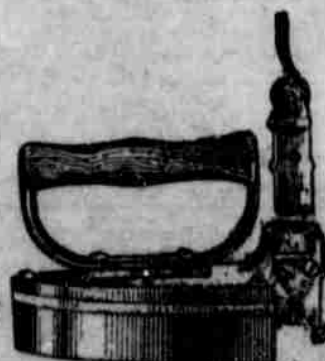
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